Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

1995 FARM BILL

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee resumed hearings on proposed legislation to strengthen and improve United States agricultural programs, focusing on conservation, wetlands, and farm policy, receiving testimony from Paul W. Johnson. Chief, and Warren Lee, Co-leader, National Wetlands Team, both of the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture; Michael Davis, United States Army Corps of Engineers; John Laurie, Michigan Farm Bureau, Cass City, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; William W. Howard, National Wildlife Federation, Washington, D.C.; J. Wendell Gilliam, North Carolina State University, Raleigh; Otto Doering, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana; Bruce A. Babcock, Iowa State University, Ames; Donald D. Etler, Iowa Drainage District Association, Emmetsburg; and Charles Gunn, Jefferson, Iowa.

Hearings continue on Thursday, March 16.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from William J. Perry, Secretary of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 28.

APPROPRIATIONS—ENERGY RESEARCH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for energy research programs, receiving testimony from Martha Krebs, Director, Office of Energy Research, Department of Energy.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1996 for foreign assistance programs, focusing on trade, democracy, and narcotics matters, receiving testimony from Winston Lord, Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs; and Linda Morse, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Asia, Agency for International Development.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 28.

DOD TECHNOLOGY BASE PROGRAMS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings to examine the status of technology base programs of the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Paul Kaminski, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Anita Jones, Director of Defense Research and Engineering, both of the Department of Defense; Gilbert F. Decker, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research, Development and Acquisition; Nora Slatkin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Clark G. Fiester, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

HUD REORGANIZATION

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded joint hearings with the Subcommittee on HUD Oversight and Structure to examine the budget and management activities of the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), focusing on policy reform issues, after receiving testimony from Judy A. England-Joseph, Director, Housing and Community Development Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Susan Gaffney, Inspector General, Department of Housing and Urban Development; Jacqueline Rogers, University of Maryland, College Park, on behalf of the National Academy of Public Administration; and John C. Weicher, Hudson Institute, Anthony Downs, Brookings Institution, and Ronald D. Utt, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.

ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTINGS

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Drinking Water, Fisheries and Wildlife approved for full committee consideration, with amendments, S. 503, to impose a moratorium on the listing of species as endangered or threatened and the designation of critical habitat in order to ensure that constitutionally protected private property rights are not infringed.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Finance: Committee resumed hearings on proposals to reform the national welfare system, focusing on teen parenthood, receiving testimony from Douglas J. Besharov, American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research, and Kristin A. Moore, Child Trends, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; Robert C. Granger, Manpower Demonstration Research Corporation, New York, New York; and